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FOR GEORGE DALLEY, IO FROM AMB VANDEN HEUVEL

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SUBJ: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION - AFRICAN GROUP DRAFT DECLARATION

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1. BY THIS TIME YOU WILL HAVE SEEN PARAGRAPHS 15 AND 16
OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION FROM THE AFRICAN GROUP.
CONTINUING MY MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS FROM YESTERDAY WITH
SECRETARY GENERAL NARASIMHAN AND THE AMBASSADORS OF
CANADA, UK, FRG AND FRANCE, I TELEPHONED THEM THIS
MORNING TO GET THEIR REACTIONS TO THESE PARAGRAPHS.
GENERALLY, THE FEELING IS THAT THE CONFERENCE HAS COME TO
ITS MOMENT OF TRUTH. INTENSE DISCUSSIONS ARE UNDERWAY AND
THE RESULTS WILL NOT BE CLEAR FOR AT LEAST THIRTY SIX
HOURS.

2. THE EC-9 MET THIS MORNING AND HAVE AGREED UPON A
STATEMENT THAT PARAGRAPHS 15 AND 16 ARE UNACCEPTABLE. THE
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NINE WILL TAKE THE POSITION THAT IF THESE PARAGRAPHS ARE
FORWARDED TO THE PLENARY THEY WILL CONSIDER "THE
NECESSARY CONSEQUENCES" OF SUCH AN ACT. THE IMPLICATION
IS THAT THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF THE EC-9 WILL DISASSOCIATE
THEMSELVES FROM THE CONFERENCE AND THAT HAS BEEN THE
ATTITUDE WHICH HAS BEEN CIRCULATED FORCEFULLY SINCE THE
BEGINNING OF THE CONFERENCE.

3. THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR RECEIVED NEW INSTRUCTIONS THIS MORNING REAFFIRMING THE POSITION THAT ANY REFERENCE TO ISRAELI PRACTICES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS CONFERENCE IS UNACCEPTABLE. FURTHERMORE, ANY SELECTED CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL BECAUSE OF ITS RELATIONS TO SOUTH AFRICA IS UNACCEPTABLE. AMBASSADOR JAY CONTINUES TO EXPRESS THIS ATTITUDE AT EVERY POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY.

4. NARASIMHAN TOLD ME THIS MORNING THAT HE HAS NOT YET SEEN THE AFRICAN DRAFT (WHICH IS HARD TO BELIEVE) BUT HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS GOING TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS DURING THE DAY AND THAT "EVERYTHING IS AT THE BARGAINING POINT."

5. RICHARD EDIS (UK REPRESENTATIVE) CONTACTED THE MISSION THIS MORNING AND EXPRESSED DOUBTS TO MISOFF THAT THE TWO PARAGRAPHS CAN BE REMOVED SINCE THE AFRICAN TEXT IS ON THE TABLE AND THE MAJORITY OF THE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS ACCEPT THE DOCUMENT. IF AFRICANS COULD BE PERSUADED TO CHANGE OR TO REMOVE THE OFFENSIVE PARAGRAPHS EDIS BELIEVES THAT THE ARABS WOULD VIOLENTLY OPPOSE SUCH A MOVE.

6. IN MY JUDGMENT, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE CONFERENCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD ADOPT ANY LANGUAGE EXPLICITLY LINKING ZIONISM AND RACISM. IT WOULD AVOID A REPETITION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S RESOLUTION BUT IT WILL FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO AVOID CRITICAL STATEMENTS REGARDING ISRAEL'S RELATIONSHIP TO SOUTH AFRICA AND ISRAELI PRACTICES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THE US DID THE RIGHT THING MORALLY AND POLITICALLY IN REFUSING TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE BECAUSE ANY REFERENCES TO ISRAEL IN THE CONTEXT OF A CONFERENCE AGAINST "RACISM" ARE UNACCEPTABLE. OUR ABSENCE IS A POSITION OF STRENGTH. THE ONLY WAY THE RESULTS OF THIS CONFERENCE CAN BE AFFECTED IS THROUGH THE DETERMINED RESISTANCE OF THE EC-9 AND CANADA. SEVERAL OF THE COUNTRIES IN THAT GROUP TAKE A POSITION AS UNCOMPROMISING AS OUR OWN. FINAL RESULT OF THE CONFERENCE WILL DEPEND ON THE STEADFASTNESS OF CANADA AND THE EC-9 AND THE DESIRE OF THE SECRETARIAT AND THE LEADING AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO REACH A CONSENSUS RESULT. FROM MY OBSERVATIONS, OTTAWA, LONDON, PARIS AND BONN DO NOT NEED ANY FURTHER PRESSURE FROM US EXCEPT THIS MISSION'S CONSTANT CONTACT. I DOUBT PRESSURE ON OTHER CAPITALS CAN BE PRODUCTIVE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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